

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 751

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By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty  
relative to the functions of judicial associations. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FUNCTIONS OF JUDICIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     There shall be a judicial association for the appellate and trial  
2     courts of the commonwealth. The members of the judicial associ-  
3     ation shall be the judges of the several departments of the trial and  
4     appellate courts. The association shall hold at least one annual  
5     meeting, at which its members shall elect officers and elect at  
6     least one member from each of the departments to the trial court,  
7     i.e., the superior court, the probate and family court, the land  
8     court, the district court, the Boston municipal court, the housing  
9     court, the juvenile court, and the appellate courts to serve as an  
10    executive committee. The members of the association shall  
11    confer on matters of mutual interest and conduct such other busi-  
12    ness relating to the performance of their judicial functions, as they  
13    deem appropriate. The officers and executive committee shall  
14    consult with the chief justice and members of the supreme judicial  
15    court and the chief administrative justice of the trial court with  
16    respect to the impact of administrative policies on the functioning  
17    of the courts, judges, and related agencies of the unified trial court  
18    system and such other matters as they may deem appropriate.